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### UM KICKS OFF 1993 BUSINESS DRIVE

#### MISSOULA --

The University of Montana will launch its 15th annual Missoula Business Drive Tuesday, Oct. 5, staffed by nearly 150 local community and business leaders who have volunteered their time to ask their peers to contribute to the University's Excellence Fund.

The Business Drive is a major source of income for UM's Excellence Fund, which powers scholarships, faculty and staff development, and special programs at the University. Drive chair Gary Chumrau, an attorney with Garlington, Lohn & Robinson, said he expects this year's Business Drive to exceed its \$250,000 goal by Nov. 15.

"Several businesses have joined other donors in participating in our Pacesetter Program and committing leadership gifts of \$1,500 or more before the breakfast kickoff," Chumrau said. "And as always, University faculty and staff are showing their support for the Excellence Fund."

The annual fund drive, launched by Missoula business people 15 years ago, exemplifies the strong cooperative relationship between UM and the community, with each strengthening and contributing to the other, UM Foundation Annual Fund Director Shawn Gunnin said.

For the 1993-94 academic year, President George Dennison has identified the science fair, faculty and staff development, student scholarships, outreach efforts, library access, the Davidson Honors College and student recruitment as essential University priorities for which private support is needed.

The drive will conclude with a victory celebration on Monday, Nov. 15.

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